

BEFORE THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of ARM )	NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF
17.30.617 and 17.30.638 pertaining to )	COMMENT PERIOD ON
outstanding resource water designation )	PROPOSED AMENDMENT
for the Gallatin River )	
)	(WATER QUALITY)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On October 5, 2006, the Board of Environmental Review published MAR Notice No. 17-254 regarding a notice of public hearing on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules at page 2294, 2006 Montana Administrative Register, issue number 19.

2. The board received a number of comments opposing adoption of the proposed rule amendments on grounds that the amended rules would render a number of properties in the Big Sky area undevelopable. The draft environmental impact statement on the proposed rule amendments indicates that the rule amendments would not preclude full development in the Big Sky area if certain mechanisms, such as central sewers and advanced treatment, are implemented. However, the record does not indicate whether regulatory or other means to require or facilitate implementation of these mechanisms are feasible. The board has been notified that that the original petitioners for this rulemaking and developers have been discussing means of accomplishing this goal. The board is therefore extending the comment period to July 2, 2007, to allow the public to provide comment on the issue of whether, if the proposed rule amendments are adopted, mechanisms to allow full development of properties in the Big Sky area can be developed and implemented.

3. Written data, views, or arguments may be submitted to the board secretary at Board of Environmental Review, 1520 E. Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; faxed to (406) 444-4386; or e-mailed to ber@mt.gov, no later than July 2, 2007. To be guaranteed consideration, mailed comments must be postmarked on or before that date.

4. The board will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this rulemaking action or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the board no later than 5:00 p.m., April 16, 2007, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact the board secretary at P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; phone (406) 444-2544; fax (406) 444-4386; or e-mail ber@mt.gov.

Reviewed by:

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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Chairman

Certified to the Secretary of State, March 12, 2007.